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GENEVA FOR MEPC DEL

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING AUGUST 7, 1974:

QUOTE: Q. THE REPORT PERSISTS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER
HELPED TO ARRANGE A SECRET RENDEZVOUS BETWEEN MRS. MEIR
ACCOMPANIED BY DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN AND KING HUSSEIN IN
MAY. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THAT?

A. WE KNEW OF NO SUCH MEETING.

Q. YOU "KNEW" AND DO NOT "KNOW?"

A. YES, THE SECRETARY KNEW OF NO SUCH MEETING THAT WAS
REPORTED -- THE ALLEGED MEETING THAT WAS REPORTED.

Q. YOU'RE FENCING IT. I'M ASKING YOU IF YOU STILL KNOW
THAT THERE'S BEEN NO SUCH MEETING.

A. WE STILL DON'T KNOW IF THERE WAS ANY SUCH MEETING. PAST
AND PRESENT TENSE.

Q. BUT YOU'RE NOT DENYING THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY
OF SUCH A MEETING?

A. I'M NOT GOING TO COMMENT ANY FURTHER ON IT.

Q. I THOUGHT THE QUESTION WAS, WHETHER THE SECRETARY HAD
HELPED, OR MADE ANY ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING.

A. INASMUCH AS WE DIDN'T KNOW THAT THERE WAS ONE, THAT
OTHER QUESTION DOESN'T ARISE.

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Q. YES, HE COULD HAVE MADE ATTEMPTS TO ARRANGE ONE THAT
DIDN'T TAKE PLACE.

A. I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANYTHING ON THAT.

Q. YOU CAN'T GIVE US ANYTHING ON WHETHER KISSINGER HELPED
TO ARRANGE FOR A MEETING? IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT TO LEAVE

US WITH?

A. WELL, HE KNEW OF NO SUCH MEETING, AND, THEREFORE, THE
QUESTION OF HIM HAVING ARRANGED ANY SUCH ALLEGED MEETING,
, -- WHICH HAS BEEN DENIED BY ONE OF THE ALLEGED PARTI-
CIPANTS, FORMER PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR -- DOESN'T
ARISE. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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